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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under *35 U.S.C. 111* and *37 CFR 1.53* is the ☐ Design ☒ Utility patent application of:

Inventor: **Black et al.**
Entitled: **Vending Machine Dispensing System**

☒ Customer Number ⟶ 27238

Enclosed are:
☒ 27 page(s) of written description, claims and abstract
☒ 5 sheet(s) of drawings (☒ formal ☐ informal)
☐ An assignment of the invention to:
☒ Unexecuted (original or copy) declaration of the inventor(s).
☐ A certified copy of a priority document.
☐ Applicant claims small entity status (see 37 CFR 1.27)
☐ Preliminary Amendment.
☒ Information Disclosure Statement
☒ Return Receipt Postcard

☐ **CONTINUING APPLICATION** (see requisite information below and accompanying preliminary amendment, or Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76):

☐ Continuation ☐ Divisional ☐ Continuation-In-Part (CIP) of prior application

☐ Copy of declaration of the inventor(s) from a prior application (Continuation/Divisional information completed above)

Prior application information: Examiner: Group Art Unit:

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

ITEM	AS FILED	# EXTRA	SMALL ENTITY	FULL FEE
Basic Fee			☐ Utility. . . . . $385.00 ☐ Design. $170.00	☒ Utility . . . . .$770.00 ☐ Design. $340.00
Total Claims	25 - 20 =	5	x $9 =	x $18 = 90.00
Independent Claims	6 - 3 =	3	x $43 =	x $86 = 258.00
Multiple Dependent Claims in Proper Form Presented			+ $145 =	+ $290 =
TOTAL:			$	$ 1,118.00

☒ A check in the amount of $1,118.00 to cover the filing fee (and assignment recordation fee, if any) is enclosed.

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